Application No. 10/705,972 Reply to Office Action of

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of the present application.

Claims 3-6 are pending. Claims 3 and 4 are amended to correct a typographical error.

As the amendment to Claims 3 and 4 does not affect the scope of these claims, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added and that Claims 3-6 remain in condition for allowance.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Customer Number 22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000 Fax: (703) 413 -2220 (OSMMN 03/06)

LS/ikl

Eckhard H. Kuesters Attorney of Record Registration No. 28,870

Lee Stepina

Registration No. 56,837

1:\ATTYLS\24\$\245445US\245445US-312 AMENDMENT-11-17-06.DOC